

**Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council's
Steering Committee
PureView Conference Room
1930 Ninth Avenue, Helena, MT
Friday, February 21, 2019, 9:00am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Matt Furlong called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Members in Attendance: Matt Furlong (Vice Chair), John Wilkinson (Past Chair), and Drenda Niemann.

Staff Support in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen and Kellie McBride.

2. Application Review

Shane Gabriel, nurse manager of St. Peter's Behavioral Health Unit, submitted an application at the request of Kari Parmer to take her spot as the St. Peter's Health representative. All members approved Shane's application and asked that the Board of County Commissioners appoint him as the new St. Peter's Health representative.

3. Central Service Area Authority Grants and Current Remnants

Matt Furlong has been working with group two on further dispersal of the Resource Guide. There is hope that some of the remaining grant money could be used as gas stipends to assist with this dispersal. The Steering Committee also discussed donating the remnants of the grant to the Helena Resource Advocates for use on their resource cards.

There is additionally about \$7,000 held by the Central Service Area Authority that the LAC could apply for. It is important to ensure that all Workgroups are aware.

ACTION: Kellie stated she would speak to Misty about how much is left from this mini-grant and possibly converting the grant account to a project account for easier utilization.

4. Staffing for the LAC

Kellie, Drenda, Jill, and Commissioner Hunthausen will have a meeting soon to discuss staffing for the LAC. Currently the LAC is being staffed by an employee of the Criminal Justice Services Department. There is concern regarding how this may come across to the public and a belief that staffing of the LAC might be better housed at the Public Health Department. The plan will be further discussed at the following Steering Committee meeting.

5. Healthy Together

The Health Department and St. Peter's Hospital partner to create a community needs assessment and an improvement plan every three years. This year this taskforce determined two priorities; behavioral health and early childhood. The taskforce believes that the LAC should take the lead to address the behavioral health focus as this group already addresses mental health and substance abuse concerns in Lewis and Clark County. Healthy Together would specifically like to look at creating universal screening and increasing anti-stigma efforts. The early childhood focus aims to reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) scores and providing high quality child care, an initiative already being addressed by the Early Childhood Coalition (ECC). The taskforce would like the ECC to take the lead on this community focus.

There are two more Healthy Together sessions on March 4th and April 8th. Jocelyn will send an invite to the entirety of the LAC and interested parties for the March 4th session where they will be discussing more about strategy in completing set goals.

It would also be beneficial if the Citizens Advisory Council joined in on this conversation.

6. March 5th Agenda

A significant amount of time needs to be set aside to discuss Healthy Together and provide the Council a chance to ask questions and give suggestions especially for anyone who may not be able to make the Healthy Together meeting on March 4th.

Michael O'Neil will present the Housing is Healthcare project to the Council.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.